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Ms. Lynn Hayes Community Planner Federal Transit Administration, Region 6 819 Taylor Street Room 8A36 Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Ms. Hayes:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Downtown Dallas (D2) Corridor Study for Dallas, Texas.

EPA offers the following comment for your consideration in the development of the Final EIS and asks that this comment be responded to in that document:

Section 3.6.1.2, page 3-60: The statement "EPA is currently reviewing monitoring data and final designations will be made on or before March 12, 2010" is not accurate at this time. On January 19, 2010, EPA published a proposed 8-hr Ozone NAAQS (referred to as the 2010 8-hr Ozone NAAQS) as a reconsideration of the 2008 8-hr Ozone NAAQS referenced in this DEIS. Further information on this action can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/groundlevelozone/actions.html.

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO", i.e., EPA has a "Lack of Objections" to the proposed action described in the DEIS. Our rating of this DEIS will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office two copies of the Final EIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Gilmore, Chief Office of Planning

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